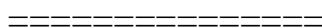




**ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES (AAU) &
AL - AZHAR UNIVERSITY, EGYPT**

**1st AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES' OLYMPICS
CAIRO, EGYPT 10TH-14TH MARCH 2019**

INFORMATION BULLETIN



Theme: Uniting African Universities through Sports: Mapping up strategies to achieve the Africa We Want

A. BACKGROUND

The Association of African Universities (AAU) and the Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt have the pleasure to specially invite your institution to participate in the maiden African Universities' Olympics holding from Sunday 10th – Thursday 14th March, 2019 at Al-Azhar University, Cairo-Egypt. The Olympics seeks to use sports as a medium to create a unique platform for the youth in our universities to dialogue and collaborate towards achieving Africa's continental initiatives, such as the Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 16-25) and Agenda 2063 (The Africa We Want).

Achieving the Africa We Want and realizing Africa's potential and aspirations means investing in the young people and building a strong human capital for the foreseeable future. It is the responsibility of higher education to develop the human capacity of all the various sectors of society for sustainable growth and development. Institutions of higher learning in Africa thus become the anchor in achieving the Pan African vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global arena.

The Association of African Universities, acknowledging this critical role of higher education in achieving the Africa development agenda and augmenting the efforts of its member universities, is co-organising the maiden African Universities Olympics to create a unique platform for young people in African universities to connect and dialogue among themselves in the spirit of pan-Africanism and continental integration.



This 5-day sporting event under the theme “Uniting African Universities through Sports and Recreation: Mapping up strategies to achieve the Africa We Want”, is being held in partnership with the Al-Azhar University, Egypt, which is hosting.

Beyond the traditional relevance of sports as a source of recreation and entertainment, it has been proven to be a major indicator in achieving group cohesion, integration and unity. For a long time, sports has also been viewed as a way to stay healthy and in shape, while it teaches life lessons like discipline, responsibility, self-confidence, accountability, and teamwork. From a social standpoint, sports is a powerful tool that creates a sense of community and develops connections that bond together people from all walks of life.

B. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE OLYMPICS

The Olympics seeks to:

1. Foster a stronger partnership and collaboration among African Universities.
2. Enhance intercultural dialogue among African students.
3. Build a united and strong network of African Young Leaders.

C. REGIONAL TEAMS

Teams for all the various disciplines will be raised according to the 5 regions of Africa namely- North Africa, East Africa, West Africa, South Africa and Central Africa. Each region must present both male and female teams in all disciplines.

D. VARIOUS DISCIPLINES

The table below outlines the various disciplines:

Disciplines	Male Team	Female Team	No. of Regions	Total
Basket Ball	12 players	12 players	5	120 players
Athletics (Track Events)				
Sprints (100m)	2 Athletes per Region	2 Athletes per Region	5	20 Athletes
Sprints (200m)	2 Athletes per Region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Sprints (400m)	2 Athletes per Region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Middle Distance (800m)	2 Athletes per	2 Athletes per	5	20 Athletes



	Region	region		
Middle Distance (1500m)	2 Athletes per Region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Hurdles (110/100m, 400m)	2 Athletes per Region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
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Relays (4x100m, 4x400m)	2 Athletes per region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Athletics (Field Events)				
Shot Put	2 Athletes per region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Discus Throw	2 Athletes per region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Javelin Throw	2 Athletes per region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Athletics – Field (Jumping Events)				
Long Jump	2 Athletes per region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Triple Jump	2 Athletes per region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Pole Vault	2 Athletes per region	2 Athletes per region	5	20 Athletes
Officials for all Disciplines				30 Officials
Grand Total				430 participants

E. REGISTRATION

Please register your team via <https://www.research.net/r/OlympicsAF>

F. CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION



Confirm participation by sending an email to Mr. Kwesi Acquah Sam via kasam@aau.org and copy to the emails provided in the contact list below.

Deadline for registration is Friday, 22nd February, 2019

G. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Organising Committee Members are:

Name	Institution	E-mail address
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H. COST OF TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Participating universities will cater for the airfare to and from Cairo, Egypt. The AAU and Al-Azhar University will cater for the accommodation and meals for participants through the period of the Olympics.

I. ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants will require visa to Egypt. Upon confirmation, the AAU and Al-Azhar University will procure visa for all participants. Participants are also required to contact the Egyptian Embassies in their countries for enquiries.

For more information, log on to <https://www.egyptonlinevisas.com/>



J. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A YELLOW FEVER Vaccination Certificate is required from participants coming from infected areas. The countries and areas included in the endemic zones are considered as infected areas. The list of countries is as hereunder:

Angola	Equatorial Guinea	Namibia,
Benin	Ethiopia	Sao Tomé & Principe
Burkina Faso	Gabon	Senegal
Burundi	Gambia	Sierra Leone
Cameroon	Ghana	Sudan
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Tanzania
Chad	Kenya	Togo
Congo	Liberia	Uganda
Cote d'Ivoire	Mali	Zambia
Democratic Republic of Congo	Niger	
	Nigeria	

It should be pointed out that the Vaccination Certificate for Yellow Fever is valid ten (10) days after the date of vaccination or in case of re-vaccination as from the date of re-vaccination. Furthermore, participants may be subject to further medical screening, such as Ebola and other communicable diseases on arrival in Cairo, Egypt and participants may be under health surveillance during their stay in Cairo, Egypt.

K. ARRIVALS

Kindly note that flights to Egypt, come into the Cairo International Airport. As participants will be met on arrival at the airport and conveyed to Al- Azhar University. Kindly send your flight details to the organising committee well in advance for the necessary transport arrangements to be made on time.

L. IDENTIFICATION BADGES AND PERSONAL SECURITY

Participants will be given identification badges, which for identification and security reasons, the hotel may request that you wear these at all times during the event.



M. TIME

GMT + 2 hours

N. EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE

During registration in Cairo, a list of excursion sites would be availed to participants to indicate which one(s) they would wish to visit so that the necessary arrangements can be finalised.